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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: WAYNE J. SCHMIDT,
ROBERT BERNER, AND DANIEL J. WOODRUFF

APPLICATION NO.: 08/680,067

FILED: July 15, 1996

FOR: **PLATING SYSTEM FOR SEMICONDUCTOR
MATERIALS**

EXAMINER: W. LEADER

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OFFICE OF PETITIONS

PETITION TO REVIVE A PATENT APPLICATION
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b)

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b), the applicants hereby petition to revive the patent application referenced above as supported by the Declaration of Harry M. Cross, Jr., enclosed herein.

1. RESPONSE TO OUTSTANDING OFFICE ACTION

A reply to an Office Action dated March 27, 2001, is due in the present application. Therefore, a response to the Office Action dated March 27, 2001 is enclosed with this petition.

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2. PETITION FEE

A check is enclosed herewith in the amount of \$1,280 for the payment of fees for this petition set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(m). If any additional fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-0665 for any such additional fees.

3. STATEMENT OF UNINTENTIONAL DELAY

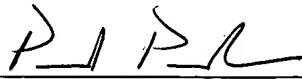
The Office Action dated March 27, 2001, and a Notice of Abandonment dated November 6, 2001, were incorrectly sent to the law firm of Perkins Coie LLP. On March 27, 2001, the Patent Office mailed the non-final Office Action to the law firm of Perkins Coie LLP, 1201 Third Avenue, Suite 4800, Seattle, WA 98101-3095. On November 6, 2001, the Patent Office mailed a Notice of Abandonment for the present application to the law firm of Perkins Coie LLP, PATENT-SEA, PO Box 1247, Seattle, WA 98101-1247. It appears that the Examiner sent these papers to the law firm of Perkins Coie based on an Appointment of Associate Power of Attorney mailed December 15, 2000. This Appointment of Associate Power of Attorney, however, requested that correspondence be addressed to the firm of record, which was Polit & Associates, LLC. Nonetheless, even though the Office Action dated March 27, 2001, and the Notice of Abandonment dated November 6, 2001, were incorrectly sent to the law firm of Perkins Coie, the undersigned believes that they were forwarded to Mr. Robert B. Polit before September 27, 2001. Semitool, Inc. and Perkins Coie LLP were not aware that steps had not been taken to revive this application until March, 2002.

The entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b) was unintentional. As set forth in the enclosed Declaration of Harry M. Cross, Jr., Mr. Cross declares that the abandonment of the application and the entire delay in filing the present petition were unintentional. Therefore, applicants request that this application be revived.

If the Examiner has any questions regarding this Petition, please call Paul Parker at 206-287-3258.

Respectfully submitted,
Perkins Coie LLP

Date: 10/3/02



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Enclosures:

Declaration of Harry M. Cross, Jr.
Response to Office Action dated March 27, 2002

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